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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
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Applicant : M. ASAKAWA et al  
Serial No. : 09/813,213  
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For : IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS  
Art Unit : 2624  
Examiner : POON, KING Y.  
Customer No.: 01933

RESPONSE- 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Species 1, Fig. 9, for further  
prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

CLAIMS READABLE ON ELECTED SPECIES

The claims readable on elected Species 1 are claims 1-17.  
The Examiner noted that claim 1 is generic.  
It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits  
now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

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